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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR  
IMPLEMENTING CONTENTION-BASED  
OPTICAL CHANNEL ACCESS**

Examiner: D. E. Singh

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.